

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, and 28 are pending.

It is noted with appreciation that these claims are allowed.

On August 15, 2005, an amendment was mailed subsequent to an RCE filed July 22, 2005.

The instant Office was mailed August 25, 2005. It appears the examiner was not given an opportunity to examine the August 15 amendment before the instant Office action was mailed. The amendment canceled all but the above-listed pending claims.

Entry and consideration of the August 15 amendment is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is earnestly sought.

Respectfully submitted,



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